Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Do not these exist in Pycara?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No malaria in Pycara. The first portions of the work will necessarily be slow and difficult. After getting our sheds and our roads in a better order, we will be able to show better progress.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—From the estimates you have already made may I know what would be the approximate cost per unit?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—·6 annas or half an anna. The Tatas supply at ·55 annas.

Deputy President.—From the explanation given, do you want to press?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I withdraw.

The resolution was withdrawn with the leave of the House.

23. College Designs at Ramavarmapuram.

Mr. C. V Kuriyan.—"This Council recommends to the Government to take advice from an educational expert of Madras service with regard to College designs at Ramavarmapuram and suspend building operations till the approval of such expert is obtained".

It may appear at first too presumptuous on my part for having taken up such a subject. The prospects of a college at Ramavarmapuram are looming before us and we are left in vague doubts about the prospect of the said college. So I just wished to address this House on this point to know whether the college is to be turned out into an Agricultural College, or whether it is to be turned into a Kerala University; on all these points we are left in entire doubt. If that institution is going to be constructed on such a large scale so as to compete with any of the institutions in Southern India then I think it would be best in the interests of the Government to consult an educationist first, so that the designs may be shown and his technical advice taken. I don't wish to cast any aspersion on the Engineering Department who may have designed the buildings that are being constructed. If the whole scheme is presented to him and the possibilities of a full-fledged college or University are explained to him then he will be in a position to suggest some salutary proposals with regard to designs and the artistic conception of an ideal College. My object is not to condemn the present designs for I am not in a position to pass any remark, it being a technical matter. It would be better if the expert is brought and consulted about the artistic outlook of the surroundings. Since it has immense possibilities we cannot understand the exact nature of the work. I am afraid one is not able to say whether it is an ordinary College that is going to be started, or whether it should be converted into a University, or whether it should be a residential College, or whether it thould be an Agri-

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cultural College, or whether there will be an agricultural college attached to it. I have nothing to say about the Member for Engineering. It would be better to consult an educational expert.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Sir, I second the motion. May I know how far the work has proceeded?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Four dormitory buildings have been put up.

Deputy President.—Do you wish to say anything?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is very difficult either to oppose this measure or to support it. While I have not the least objection that a comprehensive survey should be conducted by competent persons, for example, by a town planning expert, so that the future Ramavarmapuram may be laid down on proper lines, I for the life of me, cannot understand what an educational expert can say about the building construction. Do you know Sir, anything about building construction?

Mr. S. K. Subrahmania Ayyar.—We know our needs.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Such needs may be supplied by the Engineering Department which is doing it now so that the design of the work may be undertaken by the Department for which it exists. If that Department wants to consult, naturally the educational authorities shall be consulted how the building should be made, what provision must be made for students, for furniture etc. All these go without saying. But the thin end of the wedge is the second clause. Had it not been for that I would have supported him. It says that till such a report is received the whole work must be stopped. The whole object of the resolution is to offer all kinds of obstacles to the construction of the College which has been undertaken by the Government at the insistence of this Council for four years. Every time I moved a cut motion for 50,000 or 30,000 rupees on the education budget and the President with his casting vote saved the situation. The majority of the House wanted to have a vote of censure upon the Government, a vote indicating their dissatisfaction upon the possible disability and the vacillating attitude of the Government for three years. After all that, at the instance of this Council, the business has been undertaken and after six months' construction this resolution has been brought forward. I again repeart that I have not the least objection, and I think it advisable, to consult those who can give advice on Town planning. I also object an educational authority to come and give the information. Edutational authority may be able to give information about the capacity of the class rooms or the lecture rooms. I am not an associate of the District Education Board.

Mr. S. K. Subrahmania Ayyar.—Sorry.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—I don't think there is much artistic taste about living in the class rooms among the students, always playing the role of the master before their students with no other occupation. That is the case in every occupation. As a matter of fact, all of us have been playing in that way. That is not a special quality associated with the educational authority. Therefore on the face of it, this resolution cannot be supported. In the first place, it is not an educational authority that should be consulted. In the second place, there is a clause that the work should be stopped. I am against stopping the work of the College. Therefore, I cannot support the measure.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Although I generally support this resolution I did not want to speak at this stage, because there is a resolution standing in my name. But since the Hon'ble Member for Trichur has evinced a great amount of nervousness by the mere approach of that resolution, I wish to say a few words. Now what exactly is at the base of my learned friend's criticisms? He has no objection for the scheme being examined or the buildings being designed or examined by an educational expert, although he has a few complimentary things to say about the capacity of this expert. But he has actually no objection. But he has objection to what? He objects to a moment's stopping or retarding of the work of this institution. (*Hear, hear*). That is to say, he is afraid that unless the whole world can be faced with a *fait accompli*, the scheme that he is backing being such a rotten one, nothing but a *fait accompli* will give it the least legs to stand upon. Where is the hurry? Is the Ernakulam College already viciated by the Harbour.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Let us discuss the resolution.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I am already on the resolution. I say there is absolutely no hurry for rushing on with the work of the College. I ask the Government first whether the designs of this College have been considered by anybody, either an educational expert or a town planning expert. Because, before we embark upon expenditure involving lakhs and lakhs of rupees, should not the public know what exactly is the scheme contemplated? I find from an answer to one of the questions, that Government have so far designed only for the dormitories. I can quite understand the rationale. People must sleep before they work. What exactly is the substantial portion? Where do we get an inkling from?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—They will tell us.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—We are asking. We may be told before our money is spent whether there ought to be a com-

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prehensive scheme prepared, whether the scheme has to be scrutnised by educational experts and if that will not suit, other experts might be called.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is your interpretation of my ideas.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have no doubt. The point is this. The public has a right of saying that before a big scheme like this is embarked upon, before actual expenditure is made on an elaborate scale the scheme itself should be formulated and submitted to the critical examination of experts. What is there wrong in that? Why do you ask us to shut our eyes and fancy it is all dark? What is it that we are asking for? Where is the particular hurry in this matter? I ask the House where is the particular hurry in this matter. When we come to the electric scheme, to use his own language, "The scheme undertaken on such a large scale must be thoroughly investigated by experts and the benefits deeply considered before a pie is spent". When five minutes ago the Hon'ble Member for Trichur could say that, what is there extraordinary if I say that this scheme, which has to be conducted and embarked upon such an elaborate scale, must be deeply considered and the benefits investigated before any pie is spent? How am I wrong? I am only quoting my Hon'ble friend from Trichur.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Now I have no voice to reply.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Now, sir, there is no use of running away at the mere mention of the word Ernakulam. When my Hon'ble friend, the Member for Vyttila was making a passing reference to Ernakulam and its need for electricity my Hon'ble friend for Trichur was saying that Ernakulam ought to be ashamed of any of its ambitions. Ernakulam has got only its legitimate ambitions. It has been asking for electric supply. There is nothing to be ashamed of. Now I repeat, has not the public of the State a right to know, before lakhs and lakhs of rupees have been expended on a scheme, that the scheme has been considered, that the scheme has been examined, that the scheme has been criticised? Now I ask the Government; has this scheme been examined? Has that scheme been criticised? Has the scheme been thought about first? If any meaning can be attributed to the answers given, it only means that Hon'ble the Chief Engineer has designed three or four dormitories which are now being put up. About the rest nothing is said. There is a confusion about the idea of possible expenditure. So far so good. I am not blaming anybody. I am supporting the Hon'ble Member when he says that the scheme should be examined. A certain amount of nervousness is shown here. There is no reason for hurry. Where is the

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hurry for this thing, I ask? Ernakulam College has been the basis of all Cochin culture for half a century or more.

Dr. A. R. Menon.— Oh! Oh! Oh!

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What Oh! If you cannot understand that, why do you make noise? Why do you get angry?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—See how calm he is!

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Hon'ble friend from Trichur is calm. The argument of the sanctity of an educational institution, the Hon'ble Member does not understand. It is not my fault. He cannot imagine that educational institutions may have an integral value which cannot be replaced as replacing a marketable building. Such an idea is perhaps too personal for his realisation. It is not my fault. I say that the College at Ernakulam has been there for more than half a century and has been responsible for all the culture in Cochin. May I know which town or harbour has perpetrated the infamy of killing its College? Which is the harbour in the world that has not got its own college? Is it enough if a few members, with parochial views from Trichur, come to make a lot of trouble? I shall come to the subject, in much more detail to-morrow, Sir, and I shall give my Hon'ble friend a chance to reply. For the time being I shall support the resolution and sit down.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I want to say one word. It is a pity, Sir, that resolution 23 has come up on the agenda before resolution 27 and resolution 71, and that is why I find so much excitement here and so much confusion with reference to the issues we are considering. So far as this resolution is concerned we have to examine it on its own merits.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Exactly.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—What the mover of the resolution wants is so far as those buildings proposed to be constructed for the College are concerned, the buildings must be made after taking the advice of an edcational expert—I emphasise the word educational expert—from Madras service. Till then the operations should be suspended. So far as the suspension of operations is concerned, it is a pity that this resolution is coming first because there are two other resolutions which want to suspend the work. Those are 27 and 71, 27 standing in the name of the Member for Trippunittura and 71 in the name of my humble self. Now here the difficulty is, supposing it is going to be an accomplished fact and supposing the Government is going, in spite of the opposition that may be made here, whether feeble or vehement, whatever it may be, supposing the Government finally decides that the College should be shifted to Ramavarmapuram, whether the designs should be made for College

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buildings by taking advice from an educational expert or whether we are able to do it, whether the Chief Engineer or the experts of the P. W. D. are able to design the buildings for the College so far as the College buildings are concerned; that is the question here.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Even without that resolution this will be done under the existing arrangement very soon.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—That is another matter.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—An educational expert from Madras will be coming here to give his advice.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—So far as these buildings are concerned, the Member for Trichur remarked, what can the educational expert say? He will only give his requirements. He may be giving the requirements which may be necessary to accommodate a number of students, the hostel must be like this, the laboratory must be like this, and all that. But the designs will have to be decided by the Chief Engineer, by the P. W. D. If the P. W. D. thinks that any technical advice is necessary we prove ourselves defective so far as that matter is concerned. Now there are College buildings in so many places. Before they launch upon construction the authorities must have a plan, at least designs for the buildings, to suit our requirements. So that, is there any necessity, I ask, supposing it is going to be an accomplished fact, to take advice from an educational expert, before building operations are commenced? Apart from the second part of the resolution, I think it is unnecessary for us to go in for the scheme. We will discuss that part later on; but supposing you think that it is not necessary, is it necessary to go for the advice of an educational expert? To me it appears, it is absolutely unnecessary, because we are showing our inefficiency so far as that matter is concerned. Certainly I must oppose the resolution from that standpoint. The Member for Trippunittura and the Member for Trichur need not get excited.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I must oppose this resolution. I must confess I still keep an open mind with regard to the transfer of the College from Ernakulam to Ramavarmapuram, which will come for discussion on another day on a resolution to be moved by the Member for Trippunittura. So far as this particular subject is concerned, what is wanted is we must take an opinion from an educational expert of the Madras service with regard to College designs and suspend the operations till we get his approval. I don't think any useful purpose will be served by getting an opinion like that from an educational expert on matters relating to buildings. I can understand if the resolution was to get an architectural expert, it has some force. That is not the scope of the resolution. With regard to

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the buildings in the course of construction at Ramavarmapuram, our College staff was consulted and some distinguished educationists from outside the State were shown the site and the plan of a new building and they were approved by them.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. മാത്യൂച്ചൻ—ഞാനും ഈ നിശ്ചയത്തെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. ഡിസൈൻസ്സ് കാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനെ ഉപദേശിക്കാൻ മദ്രാസ് സർവ്വീസിലെ ഒരു എഞ്ചിനീയർ എക്സ്പർട്ട് വേണമെന്ന് മെമ്പർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ വളരെ കാര്യം അടങ്ങിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. എഞ്ചിനീയർ എക്സ്പർട്ട് വേണമെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതു അങ്ങനെ ഒരു എക്സ്പർട്ട് നോക്കിയാൽ കാര്യങ്ങൾ അനുചിതമാകാതെ കഴിക്കാമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തിലാണ്. ഒരു കാര്യം നാളെ ആലോചനയ്ക്കെടുക്കുന്നതിനു ഒരു നിശ്ചയമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ നാം ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ട്. പക്ഷേ നാളത്തെ ആ നിശ്ചയത്തിനുമുമ്പുള്ള സമയം വിനോദത്തിനായി ചിലവാക്കണമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതിനായി ഇന്നു സമയം ഉപയോഗിച്ചുകൊള്ളുക. ഇന്നു ആലോചിക്കാനുള്ള കാര്യം കാളെ, മാറണമോ വേണ്ടയോ എന്നുള്ളതാണ്". ആ കാര്യം ആലോചിക്കാൻ ഒരു നിശ്ചയം പിന്നാലെ വരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും രണ്ടു മാന്യ മെമ്പർമാർ അവരുടെ വീരവാദങ്ങൾ നമ്മെകാണിക്കാമെന്നു ഇന്നതന്നെ പാർവിച്ചു. (ചിരി) നടത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നതു കൊണ്ടും നമുക്കു അതിൽ നിന്നും സകല സംഗതികളും അറിയാൻ സാധിക്കും. ഇന്നു ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി എത്രതന്നെ വാദപ്രതിവാദങ്ങൾ നടത്തിയിരുന്നാലും നാളെ പിന്നെയും ഈ വാദപ്രതിവാദങ്ങൾ ആവർത്തിക്കേണ്ടിവരും. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻഈനിശ്ചയത്തെ വളരെ ശക്തിയോടുകൂടി എതിർക്കുന്നു.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I too oppose this resolution. From what I have heard said in this Council I have to admit there is no necessity made out for importing anybody from the Madras Educational service to lay out a sufficiently good scheme for the construction of a College at Anappara. And apart from any other consideration, even out of self-respect we are bound to oppose this resolution. We are now not going into the merits of the question, whether there ought to be a College there or not. The question is merely reduced into whether we want an expert from Madrass to come and lay out our buildings here. I dare say it is unfair to ask of any Government to cry down their own officers and press them to get down the aid of a foreigner in this connection. So far as this proposition is concerned I don't think any self-respecting Member of this House would vote for importing an officer from outside.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I had the occasion to read the subject which is known as medical jurisprudence, but I have

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not known a subject known as medical logic. If any Member is aware of any treatise on medical logic I request him to lend me a copy for a few hours or for a few days. I support the resolution on principle.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Oh, very good.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—This morning by way of answer to question 100 it was said that the comprehensive Hydro Electric scheme was examined by two best authorities (1) The British Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and (2) Mr. S. G. Forbes, the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore; Mr. Gibbs of the Tata Hydro-Electric Supply Co., Ltd., Bombay was also consulted. In other words, three experts were consulted before accepting the scheme as a practical one. No doubt the importance of the scheme requires consultation and deep study and the assistance of expert knowledge. Now, so far as this Ramavarmapuram College is concerned, to my knowledge, there is neither a comprehensive scheme, plan or estimate prepared upon which work has begun (*Hear, hear*). If, as a matter of fact, this work which is a costly work and it has to be begun and completed, is it not in the reason of things to have some comprehensive and complete idea about the cost of the thing? And unless the whole town, as it will rise in the near future, is visualised and estimated upon, how can we say that we have a reasonable and comprehensive grasp of the subject with which we are dealing? What after all is the purport of the resolution? A part of the resolution is, before you advance further in the work of construction, let us have some definite idea of the necessities of the future and the provisions that we have to make for the future. If some correct idea is formed, whether some members are anxious to have the College there or whether the Members are not at all anxious but are opposed to have a College, whatever it be, Government will be in a position to see the gravity of the scheme that they are launching upon. As far as I know it is only the four dormitories that are under construction now. I believe that the dormitories are not the most important buildings in the College. Certainly the fundamental necessity is the College building itself and other buildings have to be constructed in connection with these buildings. Therefore it is absolutely necessary for us to have a detailed and comprehensive idea of the thing that we expect to see there and then only Government will be in a position to say whether the Government is prepared to do it or the Government is not prepared to do it. It is only to give the correct idea of the necessities that crop up that such a suggestion is made by way of having it examined by an educational expert.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there an expert in Madras? Who is he?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In fact I do not know whether there is an expert there or not. I am not in a positionto say that. All that the resolution says is only that it should be examined by an educational expert of the Madras service with regard to the College designs at Ramavarmapuram. Of course, we are approaching the Madras Government for so many things. Why should we not approach the Government and say that we do really want the services of an expert? Why not say that we want? Therefore, what I say is that the Government is not feeling its importance now as it ought to feel in consequence of the cost and gravity of the subject.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, the answer with the necessary information will be furnished by the Director of Public Instruction, but in this matter of the question of designs and comprehensive plan, I may possibly say a few words. We have now drawn complete plans of all the College buildings to be erected at Ramavarmapuram and are sending them for criticism and advice from the University Syndicate. It will be seen, therefore, that we are getting expert advice on all points connected with the College design and that we have a comprehensive plan at present of all the requirements. But with regard to the scope of the institution, I suppose, the Director of Public Instruction will be able to give you a better explanation. We accept the resolution, as it is in fact a recommendation to do what we are doing.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Then do you suspend the construction? If not, how can you accept that?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as the dormitory buildings are concerned, I may say we are capable of designing them properly.

Mr. S. K. Subrahmania Ayyar.—Certain questions were raised by the mover as to whether there is going to be an Agricultural College or Training College or a Residential College and so on. I am only going to tell you that the plan of the College buildings was submitted to the College about 2 months ago for scrutiny and remarks.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is to you.

Mr. S. K. Subrahmania Ayyar.—Yes. And then I sent it to all the Professors concerned and their criticisms were taken and forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction with the suggestion that the Chief Engineer might be requested to come to the College and have a personal discussion with the Professors concerned, so that we may not commit the very blunders that

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we may have had here and we may speak to him about the disabilities that we are having in the present building. The Chief Engineer came twice. On each occasion he came there, he remained there for two hours. On the first day the plans of laboratory buildings were gone through and on the second day those of other buildings were gone through and we gave our suggestions; and I requested him to send back the plan prepared according to the instructions, just formally, for our approval. It was sent to us which has been returned. I may tell you in this connection that the University Commission of 1928 that visited our College, in their general report, have stated that the University would be glad to offer advice or suggestions regarding the suitability of the College buildings and they have been asking the managements concerned to send the plan of the College buildings and the plans of the hostels also, to the Syndicate, before the work is undertaken. But the managements have not cared at all to do it. Therefore, they make special mention that they would certainly offer suggestions and they hoped in that report, that the management would hereafter, at least send up these plans for their approval.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Are those experts to whom these plans are sent educational experts, medical experts, or some other experts?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Legal experts.

Mr. S. K. Subrahmania Ayyar.—Not legal experts. The plan of the proposed College buildings will be sent to the University Syndicate. The University Syndicate works in small committees. In one committee there is also one member of the engineering profession. When our plan goes there, it will and ought to go to that committee and a number of University engineers or others will also be consulted and they will offer their remarks. Our suggestions have been given and then the University is the body to decide; later on, when we construct the building and when they come and inspect and find out mistake, we can say that they have been already consulted on the point. And as a result, when the main buildings are occupiad, we will not have the complaint of the Professors who will be working there and of the University authorities who will have the control the University Education. With regard to the College buildings, we are proposing to construct buildings only for the courses that we are teaching and every department will have a separate block.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I don't understand.

Mr. S. K. Subrahmania Ayyar.—Now, you know for the B. A. course we have subjects—Physics, Chemistry, History with Economics, Botany, etc. Each will have a seperate block and then if extension is required, we will give room for such

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extension. If any further information is required, I shall gladly give you.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—My object in moving this resolution was to give an idea of the exact scope of the construction at Ramavarmapuram. But that has been sufficeintly thrashed out not only by the Hon'ble Member for Engineering but also by the Director of Public Instruction. I am surprised to find that in the discussion that arose just now larger issues than I expected were involved and as such new points have been raised on the matter. I like to withdraw the resolution. I would gladly welcome the usual remarks made by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudy. That is an insinuation which I never meant.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

24. Trichur Play Ground.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I move that "This Council recommends to the Government to provide the Trichur town with a playing ground in a central place in Trichur town itself before they prohibit the use of the Trichur Palace Maidan by the public."

The only decent playing field, so far as I am aware, in the whole of the Cochin State is the Trichur palace grounds. I don't think that there is anybody in this House who has not seen it. It has been used as a playing field by the public for at least more than half a century. The Cochin Athletic Association was coducting the Cochin Inter-School Sports for the last ten years. The said Association also conducts annually the Kerala Inter-Collegiate Sports and Football tournaments, the Kerala football tournament and the Cochin Olympic Sports. The Government Schools in Trichur have no proper playing fields and the Sirkar High School and Training School are allowed to practice football, etc., in this field for some days in the week. The Cochin Police sports are also used to be conducted there.

It is with great regret that I have to tell this House, if it does not know already, that the Government has recently decided that the utilisation of this ground for the purposes of sports has to be discontinued and that the grounds have to be kept neat for palace gardens. I shall briefly state the history of this order. In the course of the speech at the prize distribution of the Inter-School Sports, Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar, the then Diwan of Cochin, observed that the Trichur Palace ground was being kept in a very bad condition and that it required considerable improvement and care taking. The Government soon appointed a committee consisting of the Chief Engineer, Director of Public Instruction, the Superintendent of Agriculture, the Municipal Chairman and my humble self to suggest ways and means for the improvement, proper up-keep and maintenance of

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